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SUBJECT: KHMER CREDENTIALS AT UNESCO 18TH GC

REF: STATE 210886

PARIS FOR NESCO

1. I CALLED ON ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER ALI LANKOUANDE
SEPT 30 TO DISCUSS KHMER CREDENTIALS AT UNESCO 18TH
GC. LANKOUANDE IS NINISTER OF EDUCATION AND WILL HEAD
UPPER VOLTA'S DELEGATION TO UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

2. I PRESENTED U.S. POSITION ON KHMER CREDENTIALS
ALONG LINES OF PARA 2 REFTEL AND ALSO USED SOME OF
ARGUMENTS CONTAINED IN STATE 192437. I PARTICULARLY
STRESSED THAT UNGA SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE
DURING CURRENT SESSION AND THAT UNESCO SHOULD NOT TAKE
ACTION ON KHMER CREDENTIALS UNTIL UNGA, WHICH WAS
PROPER FORUM FOR SUCH QUESTIONS, HAD REVIEWED THE
MATTER.

3. WHILE AGREEING THAT UNESCO SHOULD NOT GET INVOLVED
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IN POLITICAL QUESTIONS, LANKOUANDE WAS NON-COMMITAL

REGARDING UPPER VOLTA'S POSITION. HE SAID HE WOULD CONSULT WITH OTHER AFRICAN COLLEAGUES IN PARIS BEFORE DECIDING ON THE ISSUE. I URGED HIM TO CONSULT WITH U.S. PERM REP BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION.

4. AS IS OFTEN THE CASE IN SUCH MATTERS, LANKOUANDE HAS UNDOUBTEDLY BEEN TOLD TO GO ALONG WITH MAJORITY OF OTHER AFRICAN DELEGATIONS ON THIS MATTER. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT HE IS LIKELY TO ABSTAIN EXCEPT IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT THAT A MAJORITY OF AFRICANS ALSO DECIDE TO ABSTAIN. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE INCLUSION OF UPPER VOLTA IN THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE IS NOT LIKELY TO BE IN OUR INTEREST.

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